

# **PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT BOWLS LEAGUE**

## **RULES - ADMINISTRATION EFFECTIVE 1st JANUARY 2008**

- 1 That the League shall be called the "Peterborough & District Bowls League", to foster the game of 2/3 Bowls Triples mid-week Monday - Friday and 3 Bowls Triples Saturday/Sunday.
- 2 Membership of the League shall be open to all clubs in the Peterborough area.
- 3 That the League shall be composed of one or more divisions, depending on the number of teams entered or requiring admission.
- 4 The constitution of the division shall be decided by the Management Committee, with the principle of two teams relegated to apply.
- 5 That the League shall be governed by a Management Committee which shall include President, President Elect, Chairman, Treasurer, Admin / Minutes Secretary, Fixture Secretary, and six committee members. The Vice Chairman to be elected from committee members at the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. Immediate Past President to serve one year on committee as additional member. The committee shall have power to fill any vacancy arising as a result of death, resignation or lack of attendance by any committee member, i.e. three consecutive meetings without any reasonable apology.
- 6 The Management Committee will meet monthly or as necessary. Six members at a Management Committee Meeting will form a quorum. All serving committee members must be registered league members.
- 7 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in December each year. Extra Ordinary General Meetings or Special Meetings may be called at any time by the Management Committee or on request of a motion signed by not less than 50% of League Clubs. All notices of such meetings to be made in writing to all League Clubs fourteen days prior to the date of any meeting.
- 8 All clubs should be represented at the AGM. Proposals for amendment to Rules must be sent to Admin/Minutes Secretary 21 days before AGM for circulation to Clubs to submit amendments for discussion if necessary. At AGM all Clubs are required to give a commitment in writing on the number of teams they wish to enter for the following year's programme - if not received it will be Assumed they do not wish to participate.
- 9 That clubs will only be allowed two votes at the AGM, EGM or Special Meeting.
- 10 The officers and members of the Management Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
- 11 The nomination forms for the League Officials to be circulated, showing existing officials and their willingness to continue in their present position and asking for further nominations.
- 12 All clubs in the League will pay an annual subscription per team in Midweek, Weekend and Club 60 Leagues, plus a fee for each player registered. Level of these charges to be determined annually at the AGM.
- 13 Annual Subs to be paid by 31st January and all other accounts, i.e. Registration Fees, Fines, etc. must be paid to the League Treasurer before the 1st day of the second month following the date of the invoice. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £10.
- 14 That a list of members of each team be forwarded to the Fixture Secretary by the 1st of May each year. Other players may be registered within the time limit set by the League Secretary. Fees to be invoiced at a later date.
- 15 That all transfers of players between clubs and teams within clubs must be made in writing to the Fixture Secretary. In the case of a player transferring from one club to another, the consent of the

secretary of the club from which the player wishes to transfer must accompany the request for such transfer. In all cases the player must not play for a new club or team until acknowledgement has been received from the Fixture Secretary.

- 16 Clubs having more than one team in the Peterborough & District Bowls League may not transfer player from one team to another team within the club after 31st July each year. Such transfers are permitted on a once only basis (before 31st July).
- 17 That a player leaving a club in debt will not be eligible to play for another club until he has discharged his liabilities to his previous club. Secretaries of clubs should report to the Fixture Secretary any defaulting members.
- 18 That each team shall play home and away matches with each team in the appropriate division.
- 19 That clubs having more than one team in the same division of the League must ensure that matches between their teams are played before June 30th each year.
- 20 Fixtures will be made by the League Committee relevant to information received from clubs. Clubs failing to submit such information to the Fixture Secretary must stand by fixtures made.
- 21 If, in the opinion of the Groundsman or both Captains, the greens or weather are unfavourable for a Match, **the team captains must arrange a mutually acceptable date within 7 days**. Matches not played to be notified to Fixture Secretary immediately. (Revised date to be notified as soon as agreed Within 7 days).
- 21A **In the event of a team cancelling a fixture for reasons other than as per Rule 21, no re-arrangement of the match will be made unless for exceptional circumstance when Committee will have power to re-arrange.** Team not in default will receive **10 points**; team cancelling will receive 0 points and will also be fined up to a maximum of £10. Should less than 48 hours notice of cancellation be given, the offending team will be responsible for any expense incurred by opponents in notifying players of such cancellation.
- 22 That all cases of protest and any other complaint on League matters be lodged in writing with the Admin/Minutes Secretary within 7 days of the incident.
- 23 That if the conduct of any club or member of a club in the League be objectionable in League Matches, the Management Committee shall have power to deal with any complaint.
- 24 That any team playing an ineligible player will have ten points deducted from its total league record in respect of each offence and be fined £10.
- 25 The winners of each division shall receive a Trophy to be held for twelve months. Holders of trophies must give a satisfactory guarantee for the safe keeping of such trophies.
- 26 That the Management Committee, shall on the express preference of the successful clubs, be empowered to purchase for the winners and runners up either individual replica trophies up to a maximum of 12 per team, or alternatively a single engraved plaque or shield of suitable appropriate value
- 27 That a Club failing to attend the Annual Dinner/Presentation evening to collect prizes won will forfeit those prizes and be fined the cost of said prizes.
- 28 Players, Umpires and Markers will wear white, brown, grey or black smooth soled heel-less footwear while playing on the green or acting as Umpires or Markers.
- 29 That the Management Committee has power to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules.
- 30 There shall be no minimum age limit for registered bowlers

## PLAYING RULES - MID WEEK

- 31 English Bowling Federation Rules of play shall apply to all League matches except where amended by the P'boro & District Bowls League of the following rules:
- 32 Date of Bowls: All composition bowls must bear a legible stamp for 1985 or later and can continue to be used without stamping until such time as the stamp becomes illegible. Any other type of bowls (such as Lignum Bowls) must be stamped every ten years.
- 33 **Evening matches to start at 6.30pm and no later than 6.45pm. All evening games played on and after 1st August shall start at 6.15pm and no later than 6.30pm**
- 34 A match shall consist of three playing rinks. In the event of a rink being short of a player, extra bowls may not be played by either of the two players in such a rink. The order of play will then be Lead, Lead, Second; Lead, Lead, Second; Skips ( 1.1.2; 1.1.2. Skips). No match shall take place with less than two players per rink. A player arriving late for the start of a match is allowed to join the match up to the start of the 3rd end, providing he is a nominated player and his name is written on the scorecard prior to the commencement of the match.
- 35 Visiting Captain shall make the draw for rinks on which the match is to be played.
- 36 A match shall consist of 21 completed ends. In the event of inclement weather, Captains may decide before commencement of match to play 18 ends. If a game has commenced and is stopped through inclement weather before 21 ends are completed and if 18 ends have been played by all three rinks then the score at termination of the match be accepted as the result.
- 37 That the front edge of the mat be placed a minimum of two metres from the rear ditch at the start of the game and in subsequent ends the front edge of the mat may be positioned not less than two metres from the rear ditch and not less than 25 metres from the far ditch. If the Jack be driven off the boundaries of the rink, it is counted as dead and the end is replayed from the same end. If the Jack goes into the ditch from the effect of play, it shall be deemed to be live and played to its position being indicated by a suitable marked place on the bank.
- 38 Teams allowed only two trial ends before start of match. Provided captains agree, teams may choose to play "one shot on first two ends "in lieu of trial ends.
- 39 The points will be scored in each match as follows :  
4 points for team scoring most shots  
2 points for each team in the event of a tie  
2 points for each winning rink  
1 point for each tying rink.
- 40 Home Captains shall provide and fill in the result card and ensure that the result card will be in the Fixture Secretary's possession within 5 days of the match taking place. Failure to comply with this may result in the home team having 2 points deducted from their league total.
- 41 That if two or more teams finish level on points at the end of the season, then the number of shots conceded will be taken from the shots scored and the deciding factor will be the best shot difference.
- 42 Every team shall provide Rink Score Boards for League matches.
- 43 The standard dress for all League matches will be white above the waist, **bowling** grey below. Charcoal grey I black is not permitted. Club uniforms are acceptable. Clubs will be responsible for ensuring that their members adhere to this rule and, that any team contravening this rule be reported, with the result card, to the Management Committee. Shorts will not be acceptable.
44. Interruption to the game of play for refreshments, shall be by mutual consent of the captains prior to the start of the game.

## **PLAYING RULES-- WEEKEND & CLUB 60 LEAGUES**

WE1 English Bowling Association Rules of Play shall apply to all League matches.

### **WE2 Format**

- a) 3 rinks of 3 players
- b) 3 bowls each player
- c) Match to consist of 18 completed ends. In the event of inclement weather, Captains may decide before commencement of match to play 15 ends. If a game has commenced and is curtailed through inclement weather before 18 ends are completed, and if 15 ends have been played by all three rinks, then the score at termination of the match be accepted as the result.
- d) Rules 34 & 35 (old Rules 36 & 37) and Rules 37 - 44 ( old Rules 39 - 46 ) as detailed under Mid-Week Playing Rules, also apply to Weekend & Club 60 League matches.

**WE3 Matches to start at 2.30pm and not later than 2.45pm.**

**WE4 Club 60 matches to start at 2pm and not later than 2.15pm.**

**WE5 Age eligibility for Midweek Club 60 League-players must be 60 years of age on, or before, date of match.**

## **COMPETITION RULES – 2008**

### **WALTER MUNDAY CHALLENGE SHIELD COMPETITION**

1. That the competition be known as the Munday Shield Competition organised by the Peterborough & District Bowls League annually for the shield presented to the League by Walter Munday.
2. The competition is to be open only to those clubs being members of the Peterborough District Bowls League.
3. The shield to be presented to the winning club, after engraving, and to be held by that club for one year. The shield to remain the property of the League and is to be returned to the League Management Committee upon request.
4. The competition to be run on a knockout basis.
5. The entrance fee for the competition is £5 per team or as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
6. Club entries to comprise of a team of 2 rinks of 4 registered league players in each rink.
7. All matches to be played on 1 rink home, the other rink away.
8. Draw for teams to be arranged by the League Management Committee at a date prior to that of the competition. Club secretaries to be notified of arrangements and provided with special result cards. The first named team to be responsible for sending in the completed result card as soon as possible after each match.
9. Each team is to play 21 ends plus 1 extra end to be played by home (first named) team.
10. Playing rules are weekend EBA rules with the exception that players may change positions at any time once an end has been completed.
11. The competition shall be governed by the League Management Committee. Any dispute arising shall be referred to the Committee whose decision in this and all matters concerning the competition shall be final.

### **ALBERT H ROWLETT KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION**

1. That the competition be known as the Albert H Rowlett Knock-out competition, organised and arranged by the Peterborough and District Bowls League annually, for the cup presented to the League by ALBERT ROWLETT's family.
2. The competition is to be open to those clubs being members of the Peterborough & District League.
3. The cup to be presented to the winning club, after engraving and to be held by that club for one year. The cup remains the property of the League and is to be returned to the management Committee upon request
4. The entrance fee for the competition is £5.00 per team or as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
5. Draw for teams to be arranged by the League Management Committee at a date prior to that of the competition, club secretaries to be notified of arrangements.

6. Club entries to comprise of a team of three rinks of three registered League players in each rink, each player using 2 woods.
7. Each team is to play 21 live ends. Result of the game is to be based on the total score of three rinks at 21 ends. Should the total score of three rinks be equal at 21 ends, than an extra end will be played by one rink. **Rink for extra end will be drawn by team captains before the commence of the game.**
8. If in the event of inclement weather the game is cancelled, the Home Team will be responsible for offering a date for the game to be played before the next round, advising the Fixture Secretary accordingly. Date and green for the final will be arranged by the committee.
9. On completion of the match, result cards to be signed by the opposing skips and sent to the League Fixture Secretary as soon as possible.
10. Playing rules to be those currently laid down by the League i.e. **Midweek rules.**
11. The competition shall be governed by the League Management Committee. Any dispute arising shall be referred to the committee, whose decision in this and all other matters concerning the competition shall be final.

### **MICK LEWIN KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION**

1. The competition be known as the Mick Lewin Knock-out competition, organised and arranged by the Peterborough & District Bowls League annually, for the cup presented to the League by MICK LEWIN's family.
2. The competition is to be open only to those clubs being members of the Peterborough & District Bowls League CLUB 60 League.
3. The cup to be presented to the winning club, after engraving and to be held by that club for one year. The cup remains the property of the League and is to be returned to the Management Committee upon request.
4. The entrance fee for the competition is £5.00 per team or as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
5. Draw for the teams to be arranged by the League management Committee at a date prior to that of the competition, club secretaries to be notified of arrangement.
6. Club entries to comprise a team of three rinks of three registered League players in each rink, each player using 3 woods.
7. Each team is to play 18 live ends. Result of the game is based on the total score of three rinks at 18 ends. Should the total score of the three rinks be equal at 18 ends, than an extra end will be played by one rink. **Rink for extra end will be drawn by team captains before commence of game.**
8. If in the event of inclement weather the game is cancelled, the Home Team will be responsible for offering a date for the game to be played no later than 4 days before the next round, advising the League Fixture Secretary accordingly. Date and agree for the final will be arranged by the committee.
9. On completion of the match, result cards to be signed by opposing skips and sent to the League Fixture secretary as soon as possible.
10. Playing rules to be those currently laid down by the League i.e. **Club 60 League rules.**
11. The competition shall be governed by the League Management Committee. Any dispute arising shall be referred to the committee, whose decision in this and other matters concerning the competition shall be final.

